

leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that we proceed to executive session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider Calendar Nos. 161, 266, 268, 209, 263, 281, 283, 368, 370, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, and 414 and all nominations on the Secretary's desk at NOAA; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; that no further motions be in order and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Jeffrey D. Feltman, of Ohio, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Jo-Ellen Darcy, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Colin Scott Cole Fulton, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Philip L. Verveer, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Communications and Information Policy in the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs and U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy.

Maria Otero, of the District of Columbia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Democracy and Global Affairs).

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Craig E. Hooks, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Mexico.

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Wilma A. Lewis, of the Virgin Islands, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Robert V. Abbey, of Nevada, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Francis S. Collins, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health.

#### NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

James A. Leach, of Iowa, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities for a term of four years.

Rocco Landesman, of New York, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of four years.

#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Raymond M. Jefferson, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ertharin Cousin, of Illinois, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

Kerri-Ann Jones, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

David Killion, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Glyn T. Davies, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Glyn T. Davies, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador.

#### PEACE CORPS

Aaron S. Williams, of Virginia, to be Director of the Peace Corps.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Michael Anthony Battle, Sr., of Georgia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Martha Larzelere Campbell, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

John R. Bass, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Georgia.

James B. Foley, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Croatia.

Kenneth E. Gross, Jr., of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Tajikistan.

Teddy Bernard Taylor, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador Extraordinary Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Vanuatu.

John Victor Roos, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Japan.

Judith Gail Garber, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Latvia.

James Knight, of Alabama, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Benin.

Karen Kornbluh, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

Bruce J. Oreck, of Colorado, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Finland.

Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., of Utah, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Republic of China.

Douglas W. Kmiec, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Malta.

Jonathan S. Addleton, of Georgia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Mongolia.

Matthew Winthrop Barzun, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Sweden.

William Carlton Eacho, III, of Maryland, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Austria.

Philip D. Murphy, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Germany.

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

James J. Markowsky, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

Warren F. Miller, Jr., of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Susan L. Kurland, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Christopher P. Bertram, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Dennis F. Hightower, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

#### NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2012.

#### CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

Patricia D. Cahill, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2014.

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Daniel R. Elliott, III of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2013.

#### CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Robert S. Adler, of North Carolina, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2007.

Anne M. Northup, of Kentucky, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2004.